

Commissioners' Meeting
Town Hall
November 10, 1942
2:00 P.M.--3:10 P.M.

Before the meeting was called to order, the commissioners spoke of dissolving the organization since all of the work was completed. It seems that this idea had been mulling in the minds of the commissioners for some time. Then, very recently, each member of the organization received letters asking them to resign in not so polite terms. This placed the members in a quandry as to whether or not to ignore the warnings which were signed by the "Blood Brothers" of something or other.

At 2:18, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Togo Tanaka. Mr. Joe Masaoka called the roll. He asked for those who received letters and threats and then went through the roll. Each person answered with the number of threats or letters received to date. Every one on the Commission received at least one letter--a few received two. An English translation of two of the letters received (Tom Imai and Fred Ogura) was read by Mr. Togo Tanaka.

Mr. Temple raised the question of whether or not the work was done by crack-pots. If so, it was suggested that the complete business be ignored. Mrs. Kikuchi expressed the opinion that the majority of the people are not against the charter to such an extent as to write such letters. Reverend Nagatomi said that if the work is all completed, the organization should be dissolved; if not, it should not. Mrs. Kikuchi spoke of a conversation which she had with Dr. Solon T. Kimball. She also said that the charter should be treated as a sample of work done. Many of the sections were lifted directly out of WRA policy bulletins. She suggested that the charter and the WRA policy be placed side by side for comparison purposes. Also, she suggested that if necessary, a committee be elected from the people to make a final polished form.

Mr. Temple stated that Mr. Kimball felt that he doesn't want anyone to quit under fire. Mr. Temple also pointed out that if the necessity arises, the Project Director can force the people to take the government policies without recourse or argument.

There was a discussion that the charter and the commissioners be open for criticisms and suggestions from the people. Mr. Joe Masaoka declared that if the commissioners did resign, that act might embolden the people who sent out the letters to come out with more overt acts. Talk drifted the matter of the bulletins which were posted on mess halls about a week or so previously. Then, a translation was read.

Mr. Togo Tanaka said that the best thing to do was to disregard the letters and the poster and disband the organization since such an act might eliminate one target. Someone moved that since the work of the Commission on self-government is completed, the group should dissolve and the Project Director should be

notified to that effect. The motion was seconded and passed by an unanimous vote. It was decided that everyone should completely ignore the matter of letters which were received.

Mr. Togo Tanaka thanked the members of the Commission for their work. Mr. Temple added his thanks and expressed his appreciation for that which was done. Then, the meeting was adjourned.

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